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Winchester Troop 507 celebrates milestone, honoring first female Eagle Scouts

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Winchester residents Renee Lubomirski, left, Madison von Mering, and Isabella Bogovich each achieved the level of Eagle Scout during a March 7 ceremony. They are the first females to achieve the rank in Troop 507. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

Dozens filled the hall — proud Scouts, families and friends — che historical milestone in local scouting. Troop 507, under Scoutmaster Mann

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Shoffner, proved once again that the rank of Eagle Scout is more than just a collection of badges — it's a testament to nonstop leadership and dedication.

Isabella Bogovich, Madison von Mering and Renee Lubomirski were honored during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 7 at the Crawford Memorial Church in Winchester. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

In a landmark event on March 7 at Crawford Memorial Church in Winchester, Troop 507 celebrated Isabella Bogovich, Madison von Mering, and Renee Lubomirski as the first three female Eagle Scouts in its history.

In attendance was Rep. Michael Day, who presented the three young women with official citations from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

"Eagle Scouts on their own are incredibly impressive individuals," Day explained to the crowd. "These are folks who will be future leaders in our community and I'm looking forward to seeing where they go in the not too near future."

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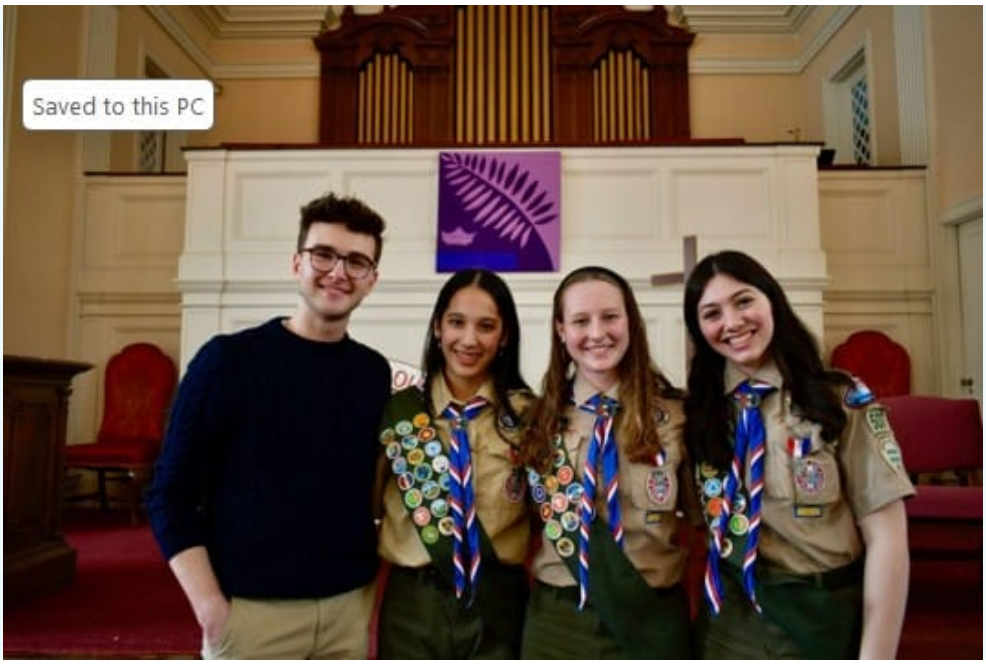
The ceremony featured moving speeches from each of the three new Eagle Scouts, reflecting on both their experiences and growth through their hard work in the program.

Left, Troop 507 Scoutmaster & Committee Chair Deb Miller and Scout Clara Peschel join the new Eagle Scouts. Right, Troop 507 Scoutmaster Mann Shoffner proudly stands with the Eagle Scouts. COURTESY PHOTOS/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI



Troop 507's new Eagle Scouts with the March 7 ceremony's emcee, Quinn Shoffner. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

Bogovich took the stage first to reflect emotionally on her journey, beginning with a friendly pact to race a friend to the rank of Eagle Scout. She recalled the intimidation of walking into a room of 60 boys w started, yet expressed her deep gratitude to the older Scouts and who immediately made room for her.

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"Scouting has given much more than just badges and campouts," Bogovich shared with the audience. "It's gonna be confidence, community, and determination, I'll carry on long after today."

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Von Mering spoke fondly of her journey, calling it "one of the best decisions I ever made." She expressed gratitude to her parents and siblings who supported her every step along the way, from camping trips to navigating the hurdles to earn her badges.

Turning to her fellow Eagle Scouts, von Mering highlighted the strong sisterhood they had formed throughout their years.

The Lubomirski family, left, the Bogovich family and the von Mering family celebrated with their daughters after they were named the first female Eagle Scouts in Troop 507. COURTESY PHOTOS/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

"Doing this experience with you has been nothing short of incredible. The summer camps, community service, and other adventures we have had, we have had such a great time," reminisced von Mering fondly. "I never disliked coming to meetings, even when I had lots of homework to do, because I knew I got to hang out with you both."

Lubomirski's journey saw her rise through the ranks, eventually becoming the troop's Senior Patrol Leader. She expressed her gratitude to h and friends for supporting her every step of the way. For her Eagle

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project, Lubomirski organized over 200 volunteers to plant trees on a rainy day, a crowning moment in an already extensive career.

But it was really the people that Lubomirski did it with that became the core of her scouting experience.

Madison von Mering, left, Isabella Bogovich and Renee Lubomirski celebrate their achievement of being granted the rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony on March 7. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

“Being part of a large group of supporting members, both in and out scouting, is what makes our troop so special,” said Lubomirski, adding it was that sense of family.

Bogovich, von Mering, and Lubomirski now join a group of elite youth who have reached the pinnacle of the scouting program. As the first female Eagle Scouts in Troop 507’s history, their dedication, and leadership are paving the way for future generations of girls in Winchester and throughout the country to follow in their footsteps.

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Executive Director of the Network for Social Justice: March is Women's History Month a time to recognize the incredible contributions of women to history. To mark the occasion, young women from an array of local organizations participated in "Girls Leading Change: Promoting Health and Empowerment," an event held at

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Residents take the 'Plunge' to support Swim Winchester pool project

The wind almost carried the tent away during registration, and the rain picked up just as swimmers splashed into the water at Shannon Beach on Upper Mystic Lake Sunday afternoon for the second Swim Winchester Polar Plunge. Organized by Swim Winchester, the March 22 event at the Mystic Lakes drew

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Oh, what a trivial night! WFEE bee was a load of fun!

I feel the need to apologize to the Teletubbees seated at our table during WFEE's recent Trivia Bee. I was one of the Winchester Newshounds, Round 5, losers. Reporter Will Dowd and editor Nell Escobar Coakley were my teammates and Will taunted those poor high school girls like it

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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